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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

Quite a pair, Bill Conner and his new car in 1928.

A Log Cabin THEN, A Log Cabin NOW

It was a spring day in 1967, one of those lazy days. The afternoon was almost uncomfortably warm but it seemed to be just the kind of day for riding and thinking. The roads over which Wellington Henry ("Bill") Conner drove the Virginia Department of Highway truck were so familiar that he could easily afford to let his mind wander and still drive with skill and safety. In fact, during the past 36 years that he had been driving for the department of highways, he had driven without a single accident and never once during that time did he have a flat tire on the road. An exceptional record, don't you agree?

Possibly it was because he was getting older and was very much aware of it, or possibly because he would be retiring this year, but whatever the reason, he kept thinking of his early childhood as he drove along.

A picture of the three-room log cabin on the Appomattox River that had been his birthplace flashed across his mind, so clearly in fact, that it was almost disturbing. Even though his parents, Thomas Usher and Sallie Turnes Conner, moved the family into a six-room house in the year 1915, it was the log cabin that Bill Conner seemed to remember more clearly, and I might add, with a bit more love!

As the heat of the late spring day became more intense he thought longingly of how nice it would be, to be a youngster again, playing in the Appomattox River. He had to laugh to himself as he recalled one particular occasion, long ago.

It had been on a hot summer afternoon and Bill and some of his friends were enjoying a swim in the river - - - sans bathing suits, sans jeans - - in fact, nude! As they leisurely refreshed themselves in the cool water, the boys had unexpected company - - - you guessed it, GIRLS!

With the boys watching helplessly, the girls, laughing as they went, collected the boys clothing that had been hanging on a nearby bush and away they went! "Shucks", commented one of the boys, "No need to worry, we have all afternoon; those girls will be back in just a little while, just wait and see." They were right, the girls were soon back.

Down the path to the river bank came the girls, giggling and holding the boys clothing high in the air in a teasing manner. The boys heaved a big sigh of relief; their clothes were back . . . not quite!

The girls, still holding on to the clothes, took a comfortable seat on the bank of the river and settled down. They sat and sat. No matter how much the boys begged, the girls wouldn't budge! The afternoon wore on; the boys wore out! The water was beginning to feel a bit chilly and frankly the boys were really getting worried. Finally, when the boys were turning blue from the chill and about to give up, the girls hung the clothing back on the bushes and took off, this time to say. I'm sure those boys dressed in record time!

Being one of a family of nine children, (7 boys and 2 girls), Bill was introduced to work at an early age. In his late teens he worked at a grist mill known as the Old Anderson Mill, owned by his uncles, Les and Wirt Turnes; the mill was run by water. When the water ran out by the middle of the afternoon, Bill had to fire up the steam engine and pull it until about 9 o'clock that night and sometimes all night.

In the year 1924 Conner drove the first crawling tractor in the Clover Hill District; this was on the county roads and E. M. Drinkard was the supervisor.

Along with his brother Evrod, Bill Conner began saw-milling in 1927; the location was a little place in Appomattox County called Chap. During the summer of 1927 George and Watt Abbitt (out of school for summer vacation) worked at the mill with the Conner boys. The entire crew would camp at the mill-site during the week.

One evening after work as they were all gathered around the camp, the fellows told Watt that if he would go out in the deepest part of the woods and spend the night alone, they would, as a group, fork over $25.00 as a sort of reward for bravery. Remember, if you will, that in the year 1927, $25.00 was a lot of money. "Oh well," said the fellows to themselves, "It's really no risk at all, Watt will never do it!" They were so wrong! Watt agreed. So he agreed - - - they still weren't worried, he'd be in before morning; the deal was he had to stay out all night to get paid.

All during the night, the group of guys more or less slept with one eye and one ear open, waiting for Watt to come rushing in, having been frightened by some strange night sound. They didn't know Watt at all - - - he stuck it out! The next morning, first one and then another of the boys would ask, "Did you hear Watt come in?" or "Just what time did Watt get in?" He hadn't!!

Going outside, Conner and his friends called Watt and from deep in the woods came his sleepy answer! He had made it all night and naturally they had to pay the $25.00. The next day Watt went to Lynchburg and bought himself a good looking suit of clothes. In those days you could get a quality suit for that amount of money. By the way, Watt, what color was that suit?

When asked about his hobbies, Mr. Conner was quick to answer - - hunting! I found out that music is also a favorite pastime. In the "Roaring Twenties" Bill played guitar in the string band consisting of Burr and George Abbitt.

Conner had such a love for hunting that he would try hard to see that nothing stood in his way. He remember a certain occaison when his dog flushed a gang of turkeys on the opposite side of the river, and there was ice on the river. Conner could think of no way to get across except wade and away he went. When on the other side, he took off his socks and shoes, wrung out his socks, put them back on and kept going, even though the temperature was only about 15 degrees at the time.

In 1929, after discussing it with his wife, the former Verna Ferguson, a school teacher from Stewartsville, Bill began working for the Department of Highways and worked for the next 36 years. Now it was 1967 already and time to retire. Where had all of the years gone? He couldn't seem to remember.

The Conners have a family of which to be proud. A son, Billy, their daughter-in-law, Betty, and two grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. Conner's "pride and joy", but Bill felt he needed something to keep him really busy. Maybe he couldn't seem to remember where all the years had gone, but he remembered one thing, the log cabin that had been his birthplace. "That's it!", he thought; "I'll build a cabin just like it - - - with my own two hands!" He couldn't wait to get started.

Next week let's go inside that cabin, so like his birthplace, that Bill Conner built in his backyard. From his duplication we will be able to see just how he lived THEN. Please come along!

Promoted

OCT. 17 - Marine Private First Class Uatha E. Hudson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Uatha E. Hudson, Sr., of Route 3, Box 358, Appomattox, Va., has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

He received the early promotion for his superior performance during all phases of the 11-week training cycle, which emphasized physical conditioning, self-discipline and teamwork.

A 1977 graduate of Appomattox High School., he joined the Marine Corps in December 1976.

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Health-wise

By Marylou Blosser, R.N.

Good Vision

According to an old saying, "There is none so blind as he who will not see." The wide range of interpretation is that what we see is not solely dependent on the eyes.

Of all the senses that make us aware of the world around us, none gives more pleasure or opportunity for learning than vision. People live by their eyes. We work, we play, and we love with them. Four fifths of the awareness of our environment comes through our eyes. Life in our society is visually oriented.

Good vision habits in the day-to-day living and working arrangements tend to be good influences, and are useful in preventing vision problems. The person who wants maximum use of his eyes and assurance of good vision later in life will follow these rules for good visual hygiene.

1. Have a periodic examination of your eyes.
2. Avoid sharp contrasts in light. Provide adequate non-glare light for close work or for study. Natural lighting is best for close work.
3. Avoid self-diagnosis and self-medication of the eyes. Only medication ordered for your eyes by your doctor should be used.
4. Don't be "glued" to the TV. The television should never be allowed to be a "baby sitter." Children should not sit so close to the TV set as to be too deeply engrossed. Looking at a TV screen is identical to staring into a low-power light bulb. The contrast must be reduced by having light all around the room with lamps placed to avoid direct reflection on the screen.
5. Obtain the approval of a qualified specialist before wearing colored glasses all the time.
6. If doing close work, rest your eyes every half hour by closing them or looking off into the distance for a short time.
7. See your doctor if your eyes hurt or itch for more than a day.
8. Protect your eyes from bright sunlight. Proper sunglasses properly fitted by an eye specialist, or tinted lenses, are an acceptable addition to comfort, but use them only when the sun actually causes annoyance.
9. Wear safety glasses where there is danger to the eyes. Consider the dangers of eye injury in everything you do.

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MIGHTY FOUR 4-H CLUB

On October 19, 1977 the Mighty Four 4-H Club held their monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order by our newly elected president, David Caldwell. The first order of the day was ideas for programs for the new year. A very important event is the Share-the-Fun program which our club will sponsor this year. This year the program will be a show instead of a contest. All the judging will be done at dress rehearsal and prizes will be awarded at the show.

We are planning to hold a skating party in early November for members and their guests. The nights program was presented by Susan Parris and David Caldwell. They showed slides of their trip to South Dakota on the Interstate Exchange trip last summer.

The meeting was adjourned.

Allen Smith, Reporter

HOMEMAKERS FROM 18 COUNTIES TO ATTEND FAMILY RESOURCE CONFERENCE

Homemakers from 18 counties are expected to attend the area Family Resource Conference at Appomattox County High School on November 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

Registration and coffee hour at 9:30 a.m.

The day's activities will include workshops, talent show and dress revue.

Workshops Will include "Leadership" by Dr. Del Dyer, VP&SU Extension Specialist; "How to deal with our tensions," - Ms. Trish Mahaney, Blue Ridge Mental Health Clinic; "Parenting," - Kathleen Wampler, VPI & SU Specialist; "Security in a changing market," - Glen Mitchell, VPI & SU Specialist.

The talent show and dress revue will be by Extension Homemaker Club members.

Contact your Extension Agent, Home Economics for lunch tickets and more information.

The conference is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service (VPI & SU) and the public is invited.

Farm Bureau Meets

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau held the fall meeting on Oct. 1, 1977 with approximately 125 people present. Mr. Jimmy Rosser was elected president, Mr. Marvin Glover, vice-president. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Rosser will serve as delegates at the state convention with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Anderson serving as alternate delegates.

The winners of the apple pie contest were Mrs. Glenice Walton, first place; Mrs. Margaret Moon, second place, and Mrs. Janet Goin, third place.

The winners in the essay contest were Jonathan Picket, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickett, first place, and second place, Miss Connie Krantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz. Congratulations to all our winners!

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